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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEFECTION OF MIG-25 PILOT

REF: BERLIN 6711 NOTAL; STATE 228221

1. COMPLAINT MADE BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN EAST BERLIN OVER PURPORTED "US ROLE" IM MIG-25 AFFAIR MAY INDICATE THAT SOVIETS HAVE DECIDED TO RAISE THE MATTER IN PRIVATE CONVER-SATIONS WITH US DIPLOMATS.
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2. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IF THE MATTER IS RAISED BY SOVIET DIPLOMATS:

THE AIR INTRUSION BY THE SOVIET PILOT INTO JAPANESE AIR SPACE IS A MATTER BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS. THE USG WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS AIR INTRUSION IN ANY WAY. FURTHERMORE, AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT RETAINS FULL AUTHORITY OVER DISPOSITION OF THE AIRCRAFT.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE PILOT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, THE USG GRANTED PERMISSION FOR PILOT BELENKO TO COME TO THE US. THE DECISION TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE US WAS BELENKO'S ALONE. THE USG NEITHER

ENCOURAGED NOR DISCOURAGED HIM IN THIS DECISION. ROBINSON

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